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(SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarche to Thomas Adoumasse, Director of International Organizations, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to Adoumasse, Benin will follow established AU policy on returning peace to Somalia. Adoumasse stated that Benin condemns terrorism in all of its forms including piracy. Adoumasse stated that Benin did not yet have a position on how to prosecute those who commit acts of piracy in Somalia.

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